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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 1, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God, we are saddened by the injury, death, and violence which have entered this place and desecrated the peaceful halls of our democracy. In this most holy week of the year, we know and trust that only You can truly cast out the darkness. It is Your sacrificial love that transforms our lives and our broken world.

Today, we ask for a special holy week grace. Reconsecrate this building and these grounds. Cast out the evil one. Make this place what You intend it to be: a source of hope and consolation for the people of this Nation and beyond. We make this prayer in Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY).

Mr. MOONEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF CONGRESS FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, pursuant to Rule XI, Clause 2(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I respectfully submit the rules for the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress in the 117th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. The Select Committee adopted these rules by voice vote, with a quorum being present, at our organizational meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

DEREK KILMER,
Chair.

RULE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The provisions of title II of H. Res. 6 (116th Congress) governing the proceedings of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") are hereby incorporated by reference and nothing herein shall be construed as superseding any provision of that title. The Rules of the House of Representatives shall apply to the Committee to the extent that they are not inconsistent with that title.

(b) Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the rules of the Committee shall be made publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the Committee adopts its rules.

RULE 2. MEETINGS

(a)(1) The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the first Tuesday of every month when the House is in session in accordance with clause 2(b) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. If the House is not in session on the first Tuesday of a month, the regular meeting date shall be the third Tuesday of that month. A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the chair of the Committee, there is no need for the meeting and if notice is given pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(2) Additional meetings may be called by the chair of the Committee as the chair considers necessary, in accordance with clause 2(g)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Meetings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided over by the chair or, in the chair's absence, by a member designated by the chair to carry out such duties.

(c)(1) The date, time, place, and subject matter of any meeting of the Committee (other than a hearing) shall be announced at least three calendar days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in session on such days) in advance of the commencement of such meeting.

(2) The agenda for each Committee meeting, setting out all items of business to be considered, shall be provided to each member of the Committee at least three calendar days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in session on such days) in advance of the commencement of such meeting.

(3) At least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of a report, or at the time of an announcement under clause 2(g)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives made within 24 hours before such meeting, the chair of the Committee shall cause the text of such report to be made publicly available in electronic form.

(d) The requirements of paragraph (c) may be waived by a majority of those present and voting (a majority being present) of the Committee or by the chair with the concurrence of the vice chair, as the case may be.

RULE 3. HEARINGS

(a) The date, time, place, and subject matter of any hearing of the Committee shall be

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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